



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Utility Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting

November 18, 2021

Time of Meeting

3:30 PM

Place of Meeting

Council Conference & remotely via Zoom

Nancy Lillquist, Chairperson, term expires May 31, 2022

Ed Barry, Vice Chairperson, term expires May 31, 2023

Nancy Goodloe, City Council, term expires May 31, 2024

Gary Gleason, CWU, term expires May 31, 2022

Bryan Clark, KITTCOM, term expires May 31, 2023

Jim Goeben, Telecommunications Utility customer. term expires May 31, 2023

Nate Sitton, City Utility Customer, term expires May 31, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lillquist called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Nancy Lillquist, Chair; Ed Barry, Vice Chair; Nancy Goodloe, City Council; Nate Sitton, City Utility Customer; Bryan Clark, KITTCOM. Gary Gleason was absent.

Also present: Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utilities Director; Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer; Kim Bowie, Operations Analyst; Buddy Stanavich, Power & Gas Manager; Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer; Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager; Jon Morrow, Stormwater Manager; Julie Coppock, Rate Analyst; Paul Meyer, Electrical Engineer; Meghan Anderson; David Dunbar; approximately 2 other attendees. Sylvia Shriner; Barry Brunson; approximately 1 other virtual attendees.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. Approve minutes - October 21st, 2021 regular meeting minutes

Chair Lillquist moved to amend the minutes to correct the final motion on item 7.A. to reflect she was restating Nate Sitton's motion as amended. Ed Barry moved to approve the minutes as amended. Goodloe seconded. All in favor; **motion approved.**

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Meghan Anderson spoke regarding lowering energy consumption at Crestview Terrace apartments by making a transition from electric baseboard heat to electric heat pumps. Nancy

Lillquist informed Meghan Anderson the City does offer rebates for heat pumps through its electric utility.

Dave Dunbar spoke regarding continuing incentives for gas appliance upgrades.

6. TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

7. ELECTRIC, NATURAL GAS, WATER, WASTEWATER, STORMWATER UTILITY DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.A. EPA Natural Gas STAR Program and Methane Challenge Enrollment

Ed Barry move the Committee to allow the City's Natural Gas Division to enroll in a partnership with the EPA through their Natural Gas STAR program. Sitton seconded. All in favor; **motion approved.**

7.B. Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) - Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP)

The Committee agreed the responses from the online survey should be included in the CEIP.

Goodloe move the Committee forward the recommended Clean Energy Implementation Plan to Council for consideration and adoption. Sitton seconded. All in favor; **motion approved.**

7.C. Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Fund Discussion

Ryan Lyyski gave an overview of how money for the rate stabilization fund was acquired in 2019 and the decision from UAC on how to utilize funds. Staff will continue to work on a process/policy to distribute funds and return to the UAC for guidance.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8.A. Reecer Creek Levee System O&M Plan.

Jon Morrow gave an update on the Reecer Creek Levee System O&M Plan that went to council November 15, 2021.

8.B. Past Due Utility Accounts

Staff shared 1,803 utility accounts are past due totaling \$901,885.

8.C. Public Works & Utilities Issues and Updates

Staff gave updates for water, sewer, gas, electric and storm water. Nancy Lillquist informed the Committee the City Manager has included \$120,000 in the 2022 budget for the energy strategy consultant.

9. NEXT MEETING

9.A. December 16th, 2021 at 3:30 pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Kim Bowie

Recording Secretary

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Approved: 12/16/2021